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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 5, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Missions Committee
February 6, 5pm

Brief Business Meeting
February 13, 6:45pm

Men's Bible Study
February 19, 6:30am

Children's Ministry
Team Meeting
March 4, 6pm

Children's
Snack & Paint
March 16, 10am-12pm

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DEACONS 2018-19

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Jim Collie	393-1710
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Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
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John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
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Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Hell. I am not talking about the profanity, but the place. It is not a happy subject. But the Bible talks about it. It is more than a place. It is about the relationship, a permanently broken relationship with a Person, Jesus Christ. It is a place of eternal grief, hopelessness and terror.

Some believe that everyone goes to heaven and will be with God forever. This might seem like a good idea at first glance. But, when we look more closely, it does not make sense. There are at least three things wrong with this.

People are forced to have a relationship with God.

The right to choose is denied.

How we believe and live in this world does not matter.

The Bible teaches, repeatedly, that God wants us to know Him. He does not force it. He gives us a choice. How we believe and live does matter. Further, He does everything He can to show us how much He loves us. Then, He waits. Rev. 3:20 captures the idea as Jesus says, "...I stand at the door and knock".

Jesus is knocking. Can you hear it?

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

- † **Transfer of Letter** Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
- † **Baptism** Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
- † **Statement of Faith** Baptized believer not on a membership roll
- † **Watch Care** Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesdays at Wise Baptist!



Fellowship Meal, 6pm

Bible Study, 7pm

Children in Action & Nursery, 7pm

February 6- Potluck, 6pm

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm

February 13- Breakfast for Supper, 6pm

Bible Study, 7pm



**During February, our *Children in Action* will learn about Cliff and Cinthy Case and how they demonstrate their unshakable faith in God's call as they serve Him as missionaries in Chile—a country known for earthquakes, beautiful mountains, and the Chilean rodeo.

** A *Nursery* is provided for children birth—PK.

Karen Ponish is collecting Box Tops for Education to purchase supplies for her first grade classroom. You may give box tops to Karen or leave them in the box across from the elevator. Thanks for your support!



Scripture for the Week:

Revelation 3:20



“Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with me.”

As you pray, please remember...



Sandy Mullins, Don & Gigi Pippin, Tommy Aker, Billie Harris, Beth Snodgrass, Jonah & Christy Kelley, Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall's dad), Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

Bible Study



Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us on **Tues., Feb. 19 at 6:30am!**

Fayetteville Mission Trip



June 22—29, 2019

All ages & all abilities are invited to join us this summer as we travel to Fayetteville, NC to minister to those affected by Hurricane Florence. It will be an unforgettable week! Contact John Ponish for more info: 870-1593





Greetings!!

Last week, I talked about hope. We are justified through our hope, which then leads us to persevere. But what if we feel that we can't hold on or push through anymore? Have you ever felt that way? I know that in my personal experience, that feeling sometimes seems closer and closer every day. However, instead of focusing on what is bringing me down, I have started to face these situations by asking for the strength to continue. If you do not ask, you will not have. What's the worst God will say? I believe His answers can be summed up in three choices; "Yes", "Not yet" or "I have something better in mind." I promise that He will not let you fall if it will not be for your benefit.

Choir practice and Truth will resume their normal practice times this Sunday.

God bless you all!! ~Ben

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 5 Sagan Holbrook
 February 6 Kara Kennedy
 February 7 Randy Chisenhall
 Kaitlin Collins
 Kathy Kennedy
 Philip Prince



February 8 David Whittaker
 February 10 David Mullins
 Adam Sexton
 February 12 Kristin Trick
 February 13 Brandon Osborne
 February 15 Megan Burton
 June Dotson



February 16 Logan Stewart
 Corrie White
 Conner Browning
 Bessie Vance

WBC Youth Ministry



Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship & opportunity to grow in your faith!
 The Flock meets each Sunday evening at the Youth Building ("Flock Nest")!

February 10

Meal provided by Lulia Maine, 6pm



Happy Anniversary

February 13 - Jim & June Dotson

WBC Children's Ministry



Check out the many opportunities in 2019 to learn more about Jesus and fellowship with other children!

March 4 - CMT meeting, 6pm

March 16 - Snack & Paint, 10am-12pm

April 13 - Interactive Easter Event

April 21 - Resurrection Eggs, 11am

CHURCH IS HARD.



Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend,

When I've fought with my husband because we're late once again.

When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face.

When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope.

When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung.

When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

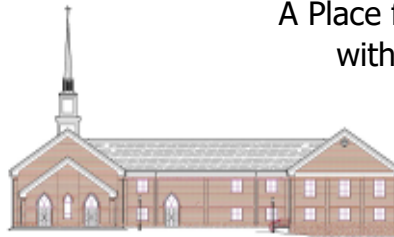
I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there

~submitted by Donna Hutchinson

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/3 - 2/9	Jeff Dotson, Daniel Ray
	2/10 - 2/16	Mike Osborne, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	2/10	Misty Belcher
	2/17	Misty Belcher
S.S. Greeters:	2/10	Linda Bailey, Jerry Baird
	2/17	Sherlene Hall, John Ponish
Nursery:	2/10	Kathy Osborne Emma Snodgrass
	2/17	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	2/10	John & Karen Ponish
	2/17	Charles & Lulia Maine
Sound System:	2/10	Rachel Lyall
	2/17	Mike Osborne
Ushers:	2/10	Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
	2/17	Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
Tellers:	Feb.	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
	Mar.	Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser
Youth Bible Study	2/10	Youth Meal: Lulia Maine
	2/17	Youth Meal: Ginnie Stokes
Wed. Serving Team	2/6	Eileen Cantrell, Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
	2/13	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Night Meal	2/6	Potluck
	2/13	Breakfast for Supper
Children-in-Action:	2/6	Regina Cantrell, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed, Nursery	2/6	Wendy Adrian, Donna Hutchinson

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Truth Rehearsal	5:00 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	

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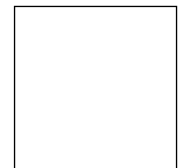
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Thought for the Week:
Jesus is knocking. Don't wait.